San Jose Calif., Oct. 3rd, 1913.

Mrs S.L.Winchester,
San Jose Calif.

[post date 10/3/1914]

My Dear Mrs. Winchester:

I am sending you a synopsis of the work of our Club, which I beg of you to carefully read.

The Sempervirens Club of California through its president and finance committee is now closing up its accounts, after a campaign of over 15 years of active efforts, to secure for the people the great wonderland of the Big Basin and the preserving of its giant redwoods for posterity. A summary of the club's achievements is as follows:- Securing $250,000.00 from the state for the original purchase of 3,800 acres; increasing this area to over 7,000 acres, by inducing Congress to cede to the State of California all unlisted Government lands contiguous to and within the Big Basin, to become a part of the California Redwood Park; securing from the Legislature an appropriation of $70,000.00 for the construction of a road from the Saratoga summit to the Big Basin, opening the same on the San Francisco side; and inducing San Mateo County to build a road from Pescadero to the Saratoga road, tapping the Big Basin Road at the rim. This gives three entrances to the Park; namely, one from Santa Cruz through Boulder Creek, one from Santa Clara Valley, and one from Pescadero by the sea.

The Club has also raised $7,602 by hard work, to purchase a right of way 200 feet wide through the Cowell timber, a body of virgin redwood, thus preserving its primeval beauty at this point. The club has thus raised a total of $327,602 which has gone directly into the purchase of the park. This enumeration does not take account of the money put up for the campaign of over 15 years of agitation, which has cost the club, its members, and friends many thousand dollars. We have also just secured water rights for the road, for ten years, from the Craig Brothers. In carrying this great work through the club treasury has been exhausted and in order to complete the work the president has been compelled to personally borrow and advance to the club for travelling and other expenses, before completing the campaign. The total debts amount to about $700.00, toward which Mr. Middleton has given $50.00, Messrs. Hubbard & Carmichael $50.00, Mr. Cowell $50.00, the club $90.00 and Mr. John A. Hooper $25.00, thus leaving about $435.00 to be collected.

It is recommended by these gentlemen that this amount be raised by subscription from the members and friends of the club, and those interested in the immediate development of Central California. It is thought when this amount is raised that the membership dues of the club will keep up the future running expenses now that the great object is attained; namely, the Park and road for 1915. This, surely, is one of our greatest attractions, and will aid greatly in attracting the tourist and well-to-do man to Central California where, he will soon discover, lies the greatest home section of the world. I am asking you to make a liberal subscription toward this fund. The future usefulness of the Club depends upon this situation being cleared up.

Yours very sincerely,

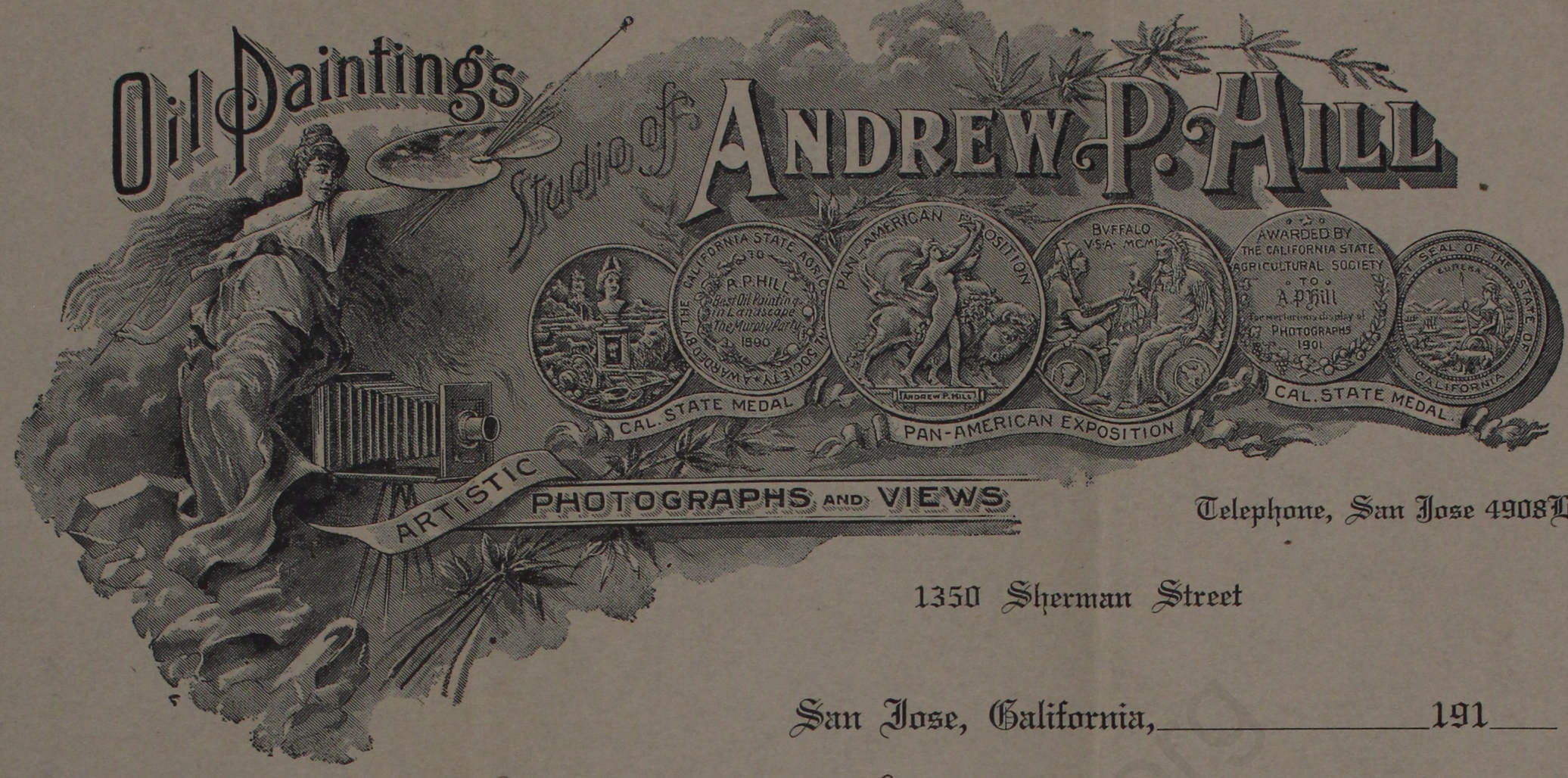
Andrew P. Hill

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Personal. I have made myself security for the payment of this money. It seemed the only way to secure everything for the people, so, I want to say that personally I shall appreciate any amount you might be able to send me for the above purpose.

When this is settled up I shall go back to painting. I painted the portraits of the Governors of Nevada and delivered in 1880, receiving $680 00 each from the Nevada Legislature I had taken the "Gold Medal" of this State, on my work in 1877 and again 1878 This was on Annual Painting principally, the collection embracing Animal, Portrait & Landscape.

I entered the employ of Senator Stanford in 1886, taking Muybridges' place who had just completed motion photography I staid in his employ till his death. This, was a bad thing for me as it forced me into photography. But, I still kept up my painting and now return much stronger and with much experience. I hope to succeed by devoting all



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my time to that end. I am now painting the "Laying of the Corner Stone of the Leland Stanford University. It is 8.6 feet x 6.7 feet and I hope to complete it within one year.

In the meantime I am ready to execute any painting I may have the good fortune to secure With my kindest wishes

for your health I am,

P.S. I have built a studio at my house, large enough to do any kind of work with a complete Photographic outfit, dark rooms, finishing etc

Very sincerely
Andrew P. Hill

West Haven Conn May 18/15

Mrs S. L. Winchester
Menlo Park. Cal.

Dear Aunt-

You will find enclosed the pictures my dear one omitted sending you with the others sent a few days ago - and she feels that you will surely recognize the faces except auntie, not having seen her - I may say she is a dear little thing, and a real little Pardee girl, she has never been a day or an hour sick since she was born, and we are very grateful, and happy on that account - The picture of the home is where we live, and the bungalows on either side are new ones - Sadie is so awfully busy with household, and baby duties she asked me to send you the pictures, and tell you that we are all well, and happy - and we all hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring

weather - and that the coming summer
may make you feel better - all
the Folks are well here, and you may
be fully assured we would all be
very glad to hear from you, and
let us know what you think of our
baby - she will be ten months old the
20th of this month, she has two teeth only

With Kindest regards

Dr. H. J. McLean

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West Haven,
Conn.







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[Post Date 8/13/1914]

DR. REDMOND PAYNE
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SAN FRANCISCO

My Dear Mrs. Winchester

I am enclosing the announcement of the completion of our little Episcopal church at Los Altos— We are very proud of it architecturally and every other way—

The mission was started in a vacant room in your old home there, and as the new church is located not far from the old

home I thought
you might feel a
particular interest
in this our first
service —

I hope you will
find it possible to
come — for we
should all be
very glad to see
you there —

Very sincerely
Redmond Payne

To
Mrs. Winchester
Menlo Park.
Thursday Aug 14th/14

December 29 - 1916

My dear Brother -

Last Friday Nettie was taken with pneumonia and died Wednesday. The funeral is to be tomorrow in N. Y. at eleven o'clock and I am going to it and so is father, in all probability, although we are trying to make him not to go.

Nettie has been, as you know, a great sufferer for years and her eye has been getting rapidly worse of late and she would undoubtedly have been totally blind in a short time, and perhaps it is just as well now that she is at rest.

She was a dear, good girl, and had and deserved our love.

I see father every few days and he keeps me posted as to Louise's condition and we are both surprised at her. remarkable ntality

I wish it were possible that she might recover for she is dear to us all

You will remember that the trust fund which Aunt Sarah established for Mother's benefit was so arranged that at Mothers death $100. a month went to Hettie and Hettie has been sending father $50. of that $100. each month, and now that Hettie is gone the $100 is to go half to Mary and the other half to you, Goldie and myself

Mary needs her half very very much but I told father, and Goldie agrees with me that the other half, which now becomes do you, Goldie & me, would go to him. Goldie agrees to this and I know you will and I think it would be well for you to notify the Trust Co. at once that Hettie is dead and that hereafter the check should be made $50. to Mary, and the other $50 divided equally into three parts, one for you, one for Goldie and one for me. As you know, Marys name is Prout, I do not know the middle name, but if the Trust Co. makes the check to Mary Prout, it will be all right. I do not know her address, but will send it to you.

Hettie also received the income of another trust fund, which Aunt Sarah provided for her in the same trust Co. The amount was either $100. a month or $1000. a year, payable monthly, and there was some provision in the trust as to what should become of this fund in case of Hettie's death. I wish you would ask the trust Co. about this. It may be it goes to Mary or it may be that it is to be decided between you and Goldie and myself. I think the trust Co. will give you a copy of the trust agreement, if you ask them.

Jennie sends her love to you and Louise and we wish you as happy a New Year as can be effected under the circumstances.

Your Affectionate brother

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